

UTAH VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHEET

What to do if a power failure occurs, the refrigerator door was left open, the temperature was too cold or too warm, or the refrigerator plug was pulled.

1. Close the door and/or plug in the refrigerator/freezer.
2. Record the current temperature of the refrigerator/freezer.
3. Store the vaccines at appropriate temperatures. Temperature of the refrigerator should be 35° - 46° F / 2° - 8° C. The freezer temperature should be 5° F or colder / -15° C or colder.

Temperature Ranges for Vaccine Storage		
Refrigeration Unit	Fahrenheit (F)	Celsius (C)
Refrigerator	35° - 46° F	2° - 8° C
Freezer	≤ 5° F	≤ -15° C

4. Make sure that the refrigerator / freezer is working properly or move the vaccines to a unit that is working.
5. Do not automatically throw out the affected vaccine.
6. Mark the vaccine so that the potentially compromised vaccines can be easily identified.
7. Collect essential data listed below, notify the Utah VFC Program and call the vaccine manufacturer(s).

DATA COLLECTION

1. Current temperature of refrigerator: Max/min temperature reached:
2. Current temperature of freezer: Max/min temperature reached:
3. Amount of time temperature was outside normal range: Refrigerator: Freezer:
4. Vaccines in refrigerator and freezer during event:

REFRIGERATOR

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FREEZER

Vaccine	Lot Number	Expiration Date	Amount of Vaccine	# of Opened Vials

OTHER CONDITIONS:

1. Vaccine exposed to prior temperature variations outside recommended range: Y N
2. Water bottles in refrigerator/ice packs in freezer: Y N
3. Temperatures below or above the recommended range for a vaccine: Y N
4. Other _____

CALL ALL MANUFACTURER(S) OF AFFECTED VACCINE(S):

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Telephone Number
e-IPV (polio), Tripedia (DTaP), Daptacel (DTaP), TriHIBIT (DTaP-HIB), DT, Td, ActHIB (Hib)	Aventis-Pasteur (formerly Connaught & Pasteur Merieux)	1-800-822-2463
Recombivax HB (Hep B), MMR, Varivax (Varicella), Pedvax-Hib (Hib), COMVAX (Hep B-HIB), VACTA (Hep A)	Merck & Co.	1-800-672-6372
Infanrix (DTaP), Engerix-B (Hep B), Havrix (Hep A)	GlaxoSmithKline (formerly SmithKline Beecham)	1-888-825-5249
HibTITER (Hib), Prevnar (Pneumococcal conjugate)	Wyeth-Lederle	1-800-572-8221
H-BIG	Bayer	1-800-288-8371, press Option 1

OTHER RESOURCES:

Utah Department of Health, Immunization Program: (801) 538-9450

Local Health

Department: _____

- Visually checking a thermometer twice a day is an effective method to identify inconsistent or fluctuating temperatures in a refrigerator/freezer. Using a recording thermometer is the most effective method of tracking the refrigerator/freezer temperature over time.

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